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the water potable. The Government have accordingly sanctioned the execution of the first stage of the treatment works at an estimated cost of Rs. 4·4 lakhs on half-grant and half-loan basis."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, considering the fact that the whole additional expenditure became necessary on account of the criminal negligence of the officers of this Government, may I know why the Government could not make up their minds to give as a subsidy the entire amount."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The municipality has agreed to finance the scheme on half-grant and half-loan basis."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, may I know when the scheme will commence?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" As early as possible, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, have the Government received any report that after completing this scheme, the quantity of water available from the scheme would be insufficient to meet the requirements of the municipality?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The report was only about the quality of the water, that is about the excess iron content in water."

Services of the temporary clerks in the Education Department.

* 202 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state— 9-20 a.m.

(*a*) whether the services of clerks who have not come through the Madras Public Service Commission in the Education department have been regularized; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The services of clerks who have not come through Madras Public Service Commission are not regularized in the Education Department, except in the case of attenders who are appointed by transfer.

" (*b*) The posts of lower division clerks are within the purview of the Madras Public Service Commission and only candidates selected by the Commission are appointed regularly."

SRI K. VENKAIAH :—" In view of the fact that there are a number of clerks employed in this way, will the Government consider the question of regularizing their services also?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Regular allocation by the Service Commission is better, Sir."